

# SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE

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## May 2017 Update

It was nearly a year ago when the kick-off of the formal design of the Barbara Walters Campus Center was announced. In that span of time, and as part of the initial schematic design phase, the project architect, KSS, in conjunction with the project Steering Group, has sought continual input from the community through formal meetings with focus and working groups, as well as open forums with faculty, staff, and students. Through this process, early concepts came to life and were refined in ever more detailed floor plans and renderings of the campus center. While wall finishes, colors and furniture choices will be discussed over the next year or so, the BWCC project team is working to finalize the basic design of the building that currently includes:

- Features that encourage and foster informal gatherings for faculty, students, and staff, both inside and outside of the campus center, such as a balcony overlooking the main atrium, outdoor patios, interior ledges, and a large flexible space on the first floor referred to as the “living room.”
- A flexible, divisible multi-purpose space for social and academic activities, including student dances, faculty and guest lectures, meetings, and other large-scale community events, such as student recruitment, orientation, and reunion events.
- A dedicated collaborative work space for student organizations, to be relocated from Bates.
- A dining area featuring outdoor seating and enhanced kitchen and serving capabilities that will relocate the current functions of the Pub.
- The Barbara Walters Gallery for exhibitions of fine art.
- The Barbara Walters Archives and Reading Room that will include information kiosks to access and research the Barbara Walters archives.
- Sustainable features that include a green roof over a portion of the first floor, LED lighting, an efficient orientation of the building to manage solar heat gain while maximizing natural daylight, and a highly insulated exterior wall to minimize heat or cooling loss.

Best Regards,

The BWCC Project Team